

A Double Test.

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Ben Huston could dive deeper into questions and draw out more meat than any man I ever knew. He had a theory for everything and proved or disproved his theories by experiments.

When Huston became engaged he determined to test the good nature of the girl he was to marry. He would do things to rattle her temper. If she showed self control he would complete the test; if she gave way before his prodding it would indicate that she had not the equanimity necessary to bear the greater irritating trials of married life, and he would break the engagement.

Now, I am a bit of an experimenter myself—that is, when I can experiment on others. The failures of my acquaintances do not distress me nearly so much as my own. Ben and I were bosom friends. Lucy Benedict, his fiancée, was my own cousin. Ben confided to me that he was about to apply his test to Lucy. It occurred to me that there was a fine chance for an exhibition of two people applying the same test to each other. I went to Lucy and told her that the only fear I had for her happiness with Ben was his temper and advised her before marrying him to make sure I was mistaken. She said she would.

In nine cases out of ten this story would be a description of a thunderstorm. It would have been so in this case had not Lucy been a girl of remarkable self control. It was natural for her to bend gracefully before the squalls of life, and she had the fortitude to stand up under the cyclone. The first test Ben applied was this: He invited her to drive with him at 5 in the afternoon and came at 6, giving no excuse for keeping her waiting. Lucy made no comment on his rudeness. She prattled about the exquisite afternoon, the beauty of his horses, getting in some very nice things for herself. Ben was much pleased with the way she bore his first test, but said to himself that one swallow doesn't make a summer. He would try her another day.

The next evening when he called Lucy told him that she had some letters to write, and he must excuse her from spending the evening with him. Ben was disappointed. He thought the letter writing might be put off. But Lucy did not offer to do so. Indeed, she made things worse. She told him that her bosom friend, a girl of her own age, was to arrive at 8:30 the next morning and would be blind meeting her at the station? What could he do? Just engaged and all his proffers of a lifelong devotion still warm, he consented. The hour was not a convenient one either to get sleep before or after the duty to be performed. He sat up till 3 alone after 11—escorted the visitor two miles across the city, and when he got home it was too late to go to bed.

He was prevented from making up his sleep the next night by a summons from his fiancée. Her mother was ill. Lucy must devote herself to her, and there was no one to entertain her friend. The girl was very religious and wished to go to prayer meeting. Would "the dear, good boy" take her and on returning entertain her till after midnight? Lucy's father was out of town and would not return till 2 a. m. She did not dare be left with her mother without a man in the house. Ben submitted ungraciously, took the friend to the prayer meeting and was insufferably bored with her till 11 o'clock, when she went to bed. He remained alone in the drawing room till 2:45 in the morning, when the father arrived, his train having been late. Lucy came down to kiss Ben good night. He managed to get out of the house without a burst of temper, but on the street barely escaped being taken in by a policeman for talking to himself incoherently, his words interspersed with expletives.

I never knew whether Lucy asked her friend to visit her especially to use her in her tests or not, but she found her a friend indeed. For a week the mother remained ill—so Lucy said—and Ben was made to wait on a woman who bored him, escorting her to places he detested and at hours most inconvenient for him. Then she took a midnight train, and he saw her to the station. He had promised Lucy that he would be in line at the box office of a theater to get tickets for an immensely popular play at an early hour in the morning, and between the two duties he got but four hours' sleep.

The next evening Ben, his injuries ranking in his bosom, called on his fiancée, threw the tickets on a table and—well, it was a muffled explosion, something like firecrackers shut up in a barrel. Lucy looked at him, surprised; then remarked that if he couldn't stand a few little things like that how would he bear the more important jars of life. She then and there broke the engagement.

Ben came to me and told me what an escape he had made. I didn't say anything just then, but in a few days, when I found he was about ready to commit suicide, I confessed that I had suggested to Lucy that she had better test him and advised him to ask her to give him another trial.

I got out of the room in time to escape a stone being thrown at me. I thought I'd better take a vacation for awhile and go south. When I came back Ben had fixed it up with Lucy, though he had had a hard time doing it. It was months before he spoke to me and months more before we became friends again.

BEATRICE TUCKER.

EAST BARRE.

All members of the Don Side club and those wishing to become members are requested to meet at opera house hall Saturday evening, January 9, at seven o'clock.

SHIPS OF FLEET COALING

Poor Facilities Delay Work at Port Said

OPERATIONS ARE DELAYED

Officers and Men Returning from Cairo—Treasury Issues Medals Commemorating the World Cruise.

Port Said, Jan. 9.—The battleship Missouri left here yesterday for Athens. Nine vessels of the American fleet under Rear Admiral Sperry are still at Port Said being delayed by the poor facilities for coaling so many vessels at once, and the scarcity of lighters. Every train coming from Cairo is crowded with officers and men returning from the capital to rejoin their ships. Port Said presents a gay appearance and the streets are filled with men in uniform. Later in the day the Kentucky left here for Tripoli.

MEDALS COMMEMORATE CRUISE.

Issued by Treasury Department and on Sale at the Philadelphia Mint.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Americans who desire mementoes of the cruise of the battleship fleet will find the bronze medals now being issued by the treasury worthy and fitting. The size of these medals is about 2½ inches long by 1½ inches high. On one side is the head of the president. This was designed by C. E. Barber, head engraver of the Philadelphia mint. On the reverse side is the figure of Columbia waving farewell to three battleships. Behind the figure stands a nude child's figure holding a banner. The piece is inscribed: "Hampton Roads, December 15, 1907—Departure of the United States Atlantic Fleet on Cruise Around the World."

The medals are the outcome of the interest taken in this branch of art by President Roosevelt. He has been an assiduous collector of medals, and has at different times expressed himself as desirous of setting afoot in this country a more widespread government activity in this line, patterned after the precedent established in France. A specimen of the fleet medal was submitted to the president and approved by him. The first issue consists of one hundred, which are on sale at the mint in Philadelphia, and can be obtained by forwarding the purchase price, \$1. The amount realized from the sale of medals will go into the general fund of the treasury.

AMERICAN GUNNERS WIN.

Team Shows Itself Best in Rifle Match at Sydney When Fleet Was There.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 9.—After four months of inquiry, the committee of the National Rifle association reports the superiority of the American team in the match held here during the fleet's visit. This was chiefly due to the excellent ammunition, especially prepared at high cost for match purposes. There was no opportunity of comparing the relative qualities of the service ammunition of the two countries. The Springfield rifle is an improvement on the Krag-Jorgensen used here. There is no desire, however, to deprive the Americans of the credit due them.

RIOTING IN ASIATIC TURKEY.

30 Were Killed and 35 Were Wounded at Mosul.

Constantinople, Jan. 9.—Dispatches received here from Mosul, in ancient Assyria, report serious rioting there with considerable loss of life. The trouble arose on Sunday over the arrest of a soldier for insulting a Turkish lady. His comrades tried to rescue the soldier, and the turbulent elements of the populace joined in the fray. Thirty persons were killed and thirty-five wounded. The rioting continued on Monday and Tuesday, but the details are unknown. A lady chief and his entire family have been murdered. A French consulate at Mosul is considered to be in great danger and five battalions of troops have been ordered thither.

TRAIN-WRECKERS AT WORK.

Fireman Dead in Accident at Bellingham, Wash.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 9.—Wrecked by unknown persons who threw the switch open, locked it and put out the lanterns so the engineer could not see the peril, Great Northern train No. 272, northbound, left the track just south of Bellingham yards at Commercial Point, Thursday night. The engine was almost completely submerged in the bay, the mail car and the baggage car were smashed to bits and the smoker was derailed. The fireman was killed and two persons were injured. The passengers, of whom there were seventy-five, were badly shaken up, but no one was badly injured. The local police and railroad detectives unite in declaring the wreck to have been deliberately planned. No arrests have been made.



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MURDER INDICATIONS

MAY BE PART OF HOAX

Mystery of Rattle Run Church Unsolved—No Trace of Minister.

Detroit, Jan. 9.—The mystery of Rattle Run church, near Columbus, in St. Clair county, seemed no nearer solution when the county officials resumed their investigation today than it was when they entered the structure Tuesday noon and dragged from the stove what appeared to be lumps of flesh and bone, thought to be the remaining fragments of a human victim.

The Rev. J. H. Carmichael, pastor of the church, and Gideon Browning, the Adair carpenter who was the minister's neighbor, had not been seen since Tuesday. Various theories had been advanced to show that the bones in the church stove belonged to one or the other of the missing men.

It was suggested today that the red stains all over the church might not be human blood and the gruesome places found in the church stove might have been taken from a cadaver stolen from some graveyard. Some thing the murder indications are all part of a hoax.

FIELD DAY FOR ALIENISTS.

The Experts on the Stand in the Haines Trial.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 9.—A blow from an unexpected quarter was received by the defense in the trial of Thornton Jenkins Haines yesterday when Dr. L. Samuel Manson, an alienist, under cross-examination by Prosecutor Darin, declared that Captain Haines suffered from manic-depressive insanity last August, and that his ailment prevented him from recognizing the faces of many of his enemies. The alienist said that in a patient suffering from such a malady, all power was practically lost. Dr. L. Pierce Clark, another alienist for the defense, testified yesterday afternoon that Captain Haines was insane on Aug. 15 when the shooting took place, and that he was sane early in November when he made his last examination.

Prospects loomed large for a field day for the alienists in the trial when Dr. Manson took the stand for cross-examination and under the direction of Prosecutor Darin delved into the mysteries of mental disease and told of reasons for his belief that Captain Haines suffered an attack of "impulsive insanity" when he shot William E. Annis.

The declaration of the defense's alienist that Captain Haines had acute mania prior to the shooting and that after the tragedy he suffered from melancholia from which he slowly recovered, opened wide the floodgates for exhaustive medical cross-examination.

The alienist, Dr. Manson, telling of the reasons that led him to his conclusion regarding Captain Haines' mental condition, marshalled an overwhelming array of terms in his testimony such as "zone of anaesthesia," "stuporous melancholia," and "furor transitorius."

Justice Crane took a part in the cross-examination of Dr. Manson, who declared that hysteria was allied to insanity. The alienist was questioned at length on his definition of the various forms of insanity and of the nervous disorders and their relation to hysteria. A hysterical man was not insane, said the alienist. The cross-examination of Dr. Manson was involved and had little or no interest for the spectators in court.

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MADE FIREMEN WORK.

Three Fires in New York Last Night Made a Loss of \$1,250,000.

New York, Jan. 8.—The fire fighting forces in the down town section of New York had their work cut out for them last night by three fires within a radius of a mile or two. They were at 98 and 100 Hudson street, Hester street and the Bowery and at No. 134 Crosby street. Each assumed threatening proportions and called out many of the city's apparatus.

It required nearly three hours' work to subdue the three fires which caused a loss estimated at \$1,250,000. No lives were lost and no one was fatally hurt, but there were a number of accidents which involved injury to firemen or citizens.

The first fire occurred at 98 and 100 Hudson street, six-story double brick building occupied by the Thomas J. Lipton Tea company, E. C. Hazard & Co., and the Cranwell & Godley company, the two last named wholesale grocer firms. The total loss here is estimated at \$500,000.

The second fire was in a big brick building at No. 113 Bowery, occupied by a number of manufacturing firms. Because most of the fire fighting apparatus was over at the Hudson street fire the flames gained effective headway before firemen could reach the scene. But the fire was confined to the building in which it started, with a financial loss of \$150,000.

The fire in Hudson street started at 7:22 p. m., and the Bowery fire just thirty-two minutes later. At 8:17 p. m., an alarm was rung in for a fire at 134 Crosby street, near Houston, midway between the scenes of the other fires and a few blocks further north. The fire was in a six-story loft building occupied by Leslie, Daily & Co., straw goods manufacturers; S. Steinfield & Co., waists and lace, and Heiman & Lichten, straw goods. The loss here will probably be \$500,000.

The fire was in a district in which a high pressure service has been installed and thus probably saved much valuable property.

TRAINS GET INTO ST. JOHN

They Have Been Held Up By A Wash-out.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 9.—Communication by railroad with Boston and Montreal which has been out for more than two days by bad washouts on the Canadian Pacific, followed the heavy rains of the early part of the week, was restored yesterday. An express from Boston reached here in the afternoon, and shortly afterward an express from Montreal in two sections came into the city. The passengers who have been delayed by the washouts have been cared for by the railroad company at hotels at Fredrickton and Medford.

ST. CATHERINE PARTY.

A Jolly Evening With the Patron Saint of Old Maids.

Every dog has his day, and the old maid no the up to date bachelor girl who seems such a useless piece of furniture in her cozy little apartment as a husband, but the genuinely sentimental old maid, can have a day on the 25th of November if she so desires, for this is St. Catherine's day, the patron saint of "old maids." In France even the twentieth century maiden takes her love affairs seriously, and she goes to church, bright and early on the 25th of November armed with a bouquet, which she lays upon the altar, offering at the same time a prayer to St. Catherine to send her a husband and "soon, please, dear St. Catherine." The American girl cuts out the religious ceremony on this auspicious occasion, and though her heart be aching, she makes merry with a party, and if she prays it is not like the Pharisee on the street corner, but in secret beside her couch bed.

A jolly old maid—a namesake, by the way, of the martyred St. Catherine of Alexandria—is sending out invitations for a "rally," as she flippantly calls her St. Catherine's party. These invitations are in the guise of postcards with little Sally Water of nursery fame weeping and wailing for a young man as the decorative feature, and they read:

A ST. CATHERINE'S RALLY.

Come and help me elect a husband. Last meeting before the calendar turns November twenty-fifth, nine p. m.

The guests will not be bidden apparently to the house of mirth, for in the reception room all is uncertainty and gloom. Funeral looking gray moss, caught up with pierced silver hearts, drapes the room, and the only light is that from numberless candles held in sconces and candlesticks hung with black. Suspended from the central chandelier is a ballot box, the bottom of which is covered with thin paper. Through a central opening depend streamers of red ribbon. The box is black and lettered in red—matrimonial ballot. After greeting their hostess each guest will be asked to vote, which means to pull an end of the ribbon hanging from the ballot box. On the box end is attached a piece of paper with a number on it. About the room are men's coats of various sizes with corresponding numbers on them. The girls match their numbers to the coats, and the man whose numeral corresponds to that of a girl's must try to fill the garment and become the fiancé of the owner for the evening. Lots of fun ensues during this casting and recasting of votes.

A game to be played later on is accomplished by having prepared beforehand as many peanut shells as there are people, each one filled with a paper on which are several letters of a word, and the complement of letters is placed in another shell. The shells are tied together with narrow ribbon. The object of the game is to find the person who has the letters completing the word. The letters of the words are divided evenly between the men and the girls—that is, a man has one part of the word and a girl the other half. After talking with his partner for ten minutes the girls go out of the room and the men are handed cards on which are the following questions:

"What is the color of her eyes?" "The shade of her hair?" "How is

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is supposed to have taken

pity on the old maids, and, having

provided each with a prospective husband,

all is joy. The supper room is

brightly lighted, in marked contrast

with the gloom that has previously

prevailed. As this company is to be a

small one, a large round table sets

them all. Above the center of the table

is hung a small steepled chandelier

crystal ring, symbolical of the wedding

ring. Holding the hoop in position

are converging strings of white

satin ribbon that meet in the center

and are tied to the bottom of the gas

fixture. Graduated ends of this half

inch ribbon are hung at intervals

downward from the hoop, and on the

ends of each ribbon is a Cupid, the

shorter loops holding a small god of

love and the longer ones a larger figure.

In the center of the table and

under the chandelier decoration is a

huge white frosted cake ornamented

with an upstanding figure of St. Catherine.

The fees are in the form of a

saint with a halo about her head, and

all the decorations are carried out in

the same "good" fashion.

Tuberculosis in Animals.

The international congress on tuberculosis which recently met in Washington, as a whole, dealt especially with human tuberculosis, but considerable attention was directed to tuberculosis in domestic animals and notably to questions dealing with the milk and meat supply and with the inspection of these products. One of the seven sections into which the congress was divided devoted itself especially to these topics, and the general addresses before the congress, as a whole, included a lecture by Professor Bernard Bang of Copenhagen on "Studies in Tuberculosis in Domestic Animals and What We May Learn Regarding Human Tuberculosis."

An extended discussion followed the reaffirmation by Professor Dr. Robert Koch of Berlin of his theory as to the nonidentity and nontransmissibility of human and bovine tuberculosis, after which a resolution was unanimously adopted recommending "that preventive measures be continued against bovine tuberculosis and that the possibility of the propagation of this to man be recognized."

The very extensive exhibits from the various countries in America and Europe attracted much attention and presented a vast amount of illustrative material of rare educational value. Phases dealing especially with the prevention and treatment of the disease in its early stages predominated, there being a great variety of models of sanatoria and special appliances.

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